(vii) Simplification of question papers in some of the important subjects to provide more internal choices of questions.

Shortage of schools and teachers

†2051. SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of primary and secondary schools and teachers in the country; if so, the anticipated shortage in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra and Uttaranchal;

(b) whether Government have allotted any funds to these States to make up the shortage during the last three years; and

(c) if so, the extent of funds allotted, year-wise, to these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) to (c) Most of the primary and secondary schools are either set up and run by State Governments or aided by State Governments or are private schools. While no report has been received of shortage of such schools at the national level, no centralised data on the demand for schools or shortage, if any, is maintained in the Ministry of Human Resource Development. The opening/upgradation of schools is an ongoing activity funded through the Budgets and/or in partnership with private providers. Funds budgeted/released for this purpose, are also subject to availability of resources and competing priorities. The outlays for the education sector have been significantly stepped up and the Government is committed to increase the expenditure on education, in phases, so as to achieve a target of expenditure of 6% of GDP.

Residential schools in tribal belts

2052. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up 662 residential schools mostly in tribal belts for girls from backward communities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the schools that would be set up in Orissa under this Centrally sponsored project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) and (b) The Government of India has approved 717 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) residential schools at elementary level for girls belonging predominantly to the SC, ST, OBC and minority communities, so far. A list of the KGBV schools santioned State-wise is given in the Statement-I (*See* below).

(c) Based on the State Government's proposal, Government of India has approved one KGBV school each in 49 eligible blocks in Orissa is given in the Statement-II.

Statement-I

Statement showing State-wise number of KGBV schools approved

Sl. No.	Name of States	No. of schools approved
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	94
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	14
3.	Bihar	38
4.	Chhattisgarh	51
5.	Gujarat	30
6.	Himachal Pradesh	9
7.	Jammu and Kashmir	14
8.	Jharkhand	74
9.	Karnataka	58
10.	Madhya Pradesh	70
11.	Maharashtra	27
12.	Meghalaya	1
13.	Orissa	49
14.	Punjab	2

1	2	3
15.	Rajasthan	56
16.	Tamil Nadu	37
17.	Tripura	2
18.	Uttar Pradesh	25
19.	Uttaranchal	13
20.	West Bengal	53
	TOTAL	717

Statement-II

Statement showing blocks approved for Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya Schools in Orissa

Sl.No.	District	Blocks Sl.No.	Blocks
1	2	3	4
i	Bargarh	1	Rajborasambar
		2	Gaislet
ii	Sambalpur	3	Dhankauda
		4	Naktideul
iii	Sundargarh	5	Bonai
iv	Keonjhar	6	Ghatagaon
		7	Anadapur
v	Mayurbhanj	8	Tiringi
		9	Bahalda
		10	Bangriposi
		11	Morada
		12	Jhasipur
		13	Raruan
		14	Sarasakana
vi	Baleswar	15	Jaleswar
vii	Jajpur	16	Sukinda
		17	Jajpur
viii	Angul	18	Palhara
		19	Kishorenagar
ix	Ganjam	20	Sorada
		21	Purusotampur
		22	Kabisuryanagar

1	2	3	4
		23	Kodala
		24	Khalikote
		25	Rangeilunda
x	Gajapati	26	Parelakhemundi
		27	Gumma
xi	Kandhamal	28	Tikabali
xii	Boud	29	Kantamal
xiii	Sonepur	30	Dunguripalli
		31	Birmaharjpur
		32	Ulunda
xiv	Bolangir	33	Khaparakhol
		34	Belpada
		35	Gudvalla
		36	Puintala
		37	Muribahal
xv	Nuapada	38	Khariar
		39	Sinapalli
xvi	Kalahandi	40	Golamunda
		41	Narla
		42	Karlamunda
xvii	Rayagada	43	Gudari
		44	Padmapur
		45	Kalyansinghpur
xviii	Nabrangpur	46	Papdahandi
xix	Koraput	47	Lamtaput
		48	Kundra
xx	Malkangiri	49	K. Gumma

Separate Ministry/department for children

2053. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the departments of various Ministries are undertaking various welfare measures and the measures pertaining to children;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry is thinking of having one single department or separate Ministry to look into the various aspects pertaining to children; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?